

**ACCEPTED OCTOBER 9, 2014**

**AFRICAN BURYING GROUND COMMITTEE  
MEETING SUMMARY**

**SEPTEMBER 29, 2014 HILTON GARDEN INN ROOM, PORTSMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY 3:00 P.M.**

Present: Councilor Dwyer, Kelvin Edwards; Mary Bailey (via telephone phone)

Also Present: David Moore, Community Development Director; Dave Allen, Deputy City Manager;  
Stephanie Seacord; Jerome Meadows (via telephone)

Absent: Vernis Jackson, Chair; Valerie Cunningham

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The meeting began with a brief summary of project updates provided by David Moore. The Committee then reviewed the meeting minutes from July 8, 2014; August 7, 2014; September 17, 2014 and approved them via consensus. These updates were related to construction, fundraising updates, etc. The bulk of the meeting focused on two items including discussion of content related to the historic marker for the site as well as a discussion of defining project completion related to public ceremonies and installation of sculptural components and the reburial of remains. No decisions were made at the meeting. It was agreed by consensus that additional work would take place regarding drafting of the marker content and it was agreed that the discussion regarding the timing of public ceremonies related to project completion would continue at another meeting to be held shortly.